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Since the proposed settlement to the United States et. al. v. Microsoft cannot be implemented without seeking public comment, let me go on record opposing this agreement between Microsoft and the Department of Justice. With all due respect to the people who negotiated the settlement and their intentions, no evidence exists that the agreement won't be violated like every one of the previous agreements Microsoft has entered into with the Department of Justice. Believing that Microsoft intends to abide by this agreement, or that the threat of extending the provisions of the agreement two years if Microsoft doesn't abide by it will keep Microsoft honest is wishful thinking.

A better settlement should be proposed. Otherwise I will spend the next two years ashamed of the officials I elected, and I will work to vote them out of office, along with their appointees.